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SUBJECT: EWG MEETING - 2 FEBRUARY 1978

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1. CONCUR IN MISSION POSITION PARA 2 REFTEL, EXCEPT THAT
WITH REGARD TO PARA 2F MISSION SHOULD EMPHASIZE
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INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING AND STRESS ALSO THAT OTHER FORMS
OF COOPERATIVE FUNDING MAY BE REQUIRED.

2. WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE EWG REINFORCED MEETING BEGIN ON
TUESDAY, 21 MARCH. WE AGREE THAT EWG MAY NEED FULL THREE
DAYS AND ASSUME THAT EWG WILL CONCENTRATE ON ASSESSMENT
OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF TASK FORCE REPORTS.

3. MISSION SHOULD REEMPHASIZE DESIRABILITY OF COMMON
FORMAT AND ESSENTIALITY OF COSTING ASSUMPTIONS FOR FINAL
TF REPORTS. IF REPORTS AS OF 1 MARCH ARE BASED ON
DIFFERING COSTING ASSUMPTIONS (E.G., PRICE BASE YEAR,
PERIOD OF COVERAGE ETC.), WE MUST LOOK TO INTERNATIONAL
STAFF TO CONVERT THESE TO COMMON BASES FOR EWG REVIEW
PROCESS. SINCE TIME AVAILABLE FOR RECONCILIATION OF COST
APPROACHES IN MARCH WOULD BE STRICTLY LIMITED, EWG AND IS
SHOULD FACE UP TO THIS PROBLEM NOW. TASK FORCE USE OF

PROGRAM FORMATS (SPREAD SHEET) PREVIOUSLY SUGGESTED BY
US WOULD OBVIATE THIS DIFFICULTY. (REFERENCE: STATE
269647; DTG 110043Z NOV 77.)

4. WE ALSO BELIEVE EWG SHOULD HOLD OPEN POSSIBILITY OF
REMANDING WORK TO TFS IN EARLY MARCH IN EVENT THAT ONE OR
MORE RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE SUBMITTED TO MINISTERS NEED
FURTHER DEVELOPMENT.

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